IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Channavajjala, Lakshmi Sarada

Title: METHODS FOR TREATING

HYPERLIPIDEMIA WITH
INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC

ACID COMPOSITIONS HAVING UNIQUE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL

CHARACTERISTICS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

In re Application of: Eugenio A. Cefali

App. No.: 08/960,557

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In response to the non-final office action mailed on January 15, 2010 (the "Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Applicants herewith Petition for a 3-month extension of Time thus extending the due date for response from April 15, 2010 to July 15, 2010. Authorization is given to charge the extension of time fee as well as any other fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

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